

BADGER METER INC

Form 4

May 09, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JOHNSON RICHARD E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4545 W. BROWN DEER
ROAD, P.O. BOX 245036

(Street)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
BADGER METER INC [BMI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/05/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____X____ Other (specify
below) below)
Sr. VP-Finance, Treas & CFO / Co-trustee,
Officers Voting Tr

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/05/2006		M		2,300	A \$ 14.25	16,896	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2006		S		2,300	D \$ 62.98	14,596	D	
Common Stock	05/08/2006		M		1,700	A \$ 14.25	16,296	D	
Common Stock	05/08/2006		S		1,700	D \$ 62.79	14,596 ⁽¹⁾	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options - Right to Buy	\$ 14.25	05/05/2006		M	2,300	05/18/2002	05/18/2011	Common Stock		2,300
Stock Options - Right to Buy	\$ 14.25	05/08/2006		M	1,700	05/18/2002	05/18/2011	Common Stock		1,700

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
JOHNSON RICHARD E 4545 W. BROWN DEER ROAD P.O. BOX 245036 MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536	Sr. VP-Finance, Treas & CFO Co-trustee, Officers Voting Tr

Signatures

Richard E.
Johnson 05/09/2006

 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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- (1) In addition to the 14,596 shares held directly by Mr. Johnson and his wife, he also owns 16,000 shares in the Badger Meter Officers' Voting Trust, 720.04 shares in the Company's ESSOP, 14,000 shares in an IRA account and 750 shares of Restricted Stock.
- (2) Stock Options are granted on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) In addition to the 2,000 shares remaining in the 5/18/01 grant, the reporting person has options to acquire 28,850 additional shares of Common Stock at varying grant prices and vesting schedules over a ten-year period.

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